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*Abraham Lincoln*



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DELIVERED BY  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
AT THE DEDICATION OF THE  
NATIONAL CEMETERY  
ON THE FIELD OF  
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**F**OURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that

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nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot con-



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secrete—we cannot hallow  
—this ground. The brave  
men, living and dead, who  
struggled here have con-  
secrated it far above our  
poor power to add or de-  
tract. The world will little  
note nor long remember  
what we say here, but it can  
never forget what they did  
here. It is for us, the living,  
rather, to be dedicated here  
to the unfinished work  
which they who fought

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here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new

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birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.





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